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Pharmaceutical

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Amendment

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 57, after "acylamino" delete "heterocyclyamino" and substitute --heterocyclylamino-- therefor.

In claim 57, after "heteroaryl" delete "gorup" and substitute --group-- therefor.

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 1998, rejecting claims 57 to 68, all of the claims in the case. Pursuant to a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, submitted herewith, a response is due August 25, 1998.

Enclosed herewith, in accordance with the Examiner's request, is a substitute copy of the specification, typed on one side of each page. Also enclosed herewith, is a Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicant has amended claim 57 to correct typographical errors noted by the Examiner.

Claims 57-58 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No 3,975,383. The Examiner indicates that the claims with A_1 , A_2 , A_3 =aryl; X=O/S m=2; n=0; (c)= $S(CH_2-)(CH_2-)$ are embraced by the generic disclosure of US Patent No 3,975,383 at column 21, formula VIII A and columns

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